

MUTSUHITO.

Today is the birthday of a sovereign who was born a divinity and worshipped as such—the former Mikado and present Emperor of Japan. A visitor to the old imperial palaces at Kio to will see, standing on a dais, a lacquered sedan chair with thick green curtains in which Mutsuhito, hidden from all eyes, took musty airings in the grounds of his imperial monastery. This was up to the time when he was sixteen years of age. No one had looked upon his face in public; few had ever done so in private. He was a sort of Japanese Lama, treated with awe and reverence, but allowed to see nothing and know nothing of the world around him. The real ruler of Japan, the Shogun or Tycoon, had, in the old days been a military subject. At least that was the position in the State of the first Shogun who rebelled and set himself up as a temporal sovereign. His descendants reigned at Yeddo or Tokio as the place was subsequently called, until the revolution of 1868; the descendants of the Mikado whom the ancient Shogun had dethroned, lived in splendid solitude in Kio to.

The modern ferment which came into Japan when Commodore Perry opened the ports, finally brought about the revolution by which, over bloody fields, the Mikado entered Tokio as the Emperor. He left Kio to, a "sashed and girded sphinx," stiff with silks and brocades, his face fiercely painted, swords in his sash, a rabble of half-savage warriors in his train; and in less than a year he appeared in the dress and with the manners of a modern sovereign. With the political transformation the great Sir Harry Parkes had much to do, for he it was who taught the Japanese to understand the rights of the Mikado and to insist, even at the point of the sword, upon their restoration to him. The personal transformation of the Emperor was due to the natural quickness with which he adapted himself to new ideas, a quality which has always distinguished him and which accounts in large degree for the parliamentary government and the splendid material progress of Japan. The monkish recluse became the inspiring cause of modern armaments and railways, commerce and universities, courts and hospitals and all that goes to make a nation great. He could have stopped progress with a wave of his hand; instead he summoned every man who could teach his people the knowledge of the western world and pointed the way continually to higher and better things. Think of it—at sixteen a blinded human idol; at fifty-two a clear-sighted modern ruler of men.

Today all Japan resounds to the name of the Emperor and not least among his loyal subjects is the chief of the ancient Shogunate, the Marquis Tokogawa. At the back of Mutsuhito is a united Japan, rapidly taking position, by force of arms, among the great modern powers. Time was, and not so long ago, when the imperial birthday passed without recognition abroad; but we may well believe that every chancellery of Europe, save that of Russia, will not pass it today without the marks of respect usual to the birthday of a Western ruler.

HAWAII AND JAPAN.

Prince Fushimi's first visit to American soil introduces him to a Territory where the Japanese outnumber any other one element in the population if not any two. This is also a land which sends more money to Japan from the savings of labor than any other, not excepting Formosa. Hawaii is also a large, perhaps the largest, importer of Japanese food stuffs. For many years the relations of Japan and Hawaii have been close and intimate, decorations have been exchanged and this country, while a kingdom, maintained a Minister Resident at Tokio, the only other one being at Washington. The Hawaii of Kalakaua had the honor of being the first independent power to recognize the right of Japan to exercise jurisdiction over foreigners within its limits, submitting to its courts and receiving in return the right for its citizens to travel in Japan without passports.

It may please Prince Fushimi to know that his humble countrymen have been the chief reliance of the staple Hawaiian industry for half a generation; that their creation of wealth is beneficial alike to this Territory, to the United States and to Japan; and that their conduct, as compared with that of many classes of labor on the mainland, is most exemplary. By observing the 60,000 and more Japanese on these islands, their fortitude, stoicism, obedience and patriotism, Hawaii was prepared for the good account Japan is making for herself in a great military struggle. Prince Fushimi may rest assured of the very general sympathy of our people in Japan's present difficulties.

ON THE VERGE OF DEFEAT.

The appearance of Judge Parker on the stump shows how desperate the Democratic cause has become. Judge Parker started out as a sphinx, but the graven image has at last grown voluble. It was his purpose, as his friends said last summer, to preserve the same dignified reticence in the canvass for election that he had in the canvass for nomination. He might welcome friends at Esopus with a few political remarks but he would not leave his manorial retirement and seek the office of President in the dust and heat of strife. Such a contest would be unbecoming where the prize is a chief magistracy. It was all very fine indeed and the Democratic papers hailed the Roman spirit of the Judge, but when it began to look as if the Roman parallel might extend only to that time when the Senators sat in state while the enemy rushed into the Forum and plucked them by the beard, even Parker became restive. Finally, when things got worse, the nominee forced himself to go to New York twice a week and direct the campaign and now he finds himself on the stump making, at times, two speeches a day.

When the General rides to the extreme front, seizes a standard and tries to rally his men, the battle is all but lost. Such a spectacle has been met before in American politics. Andrew Johnson "swung around the circle" making speeches for his life, but he came within one vote of impeachment and his term ended in ignominy. In 1868 Horatio Seymour kept to his Deerfield farm in quiet dignity until October came, when he went on the stump. But it was no use; the day was lost. Horace Greeley, four years later, tried to turn the adverse tide by strong forensics, but he lost the election by seven-eighths of the electoral votes. And now Parker throws himself into the breach in one final struggle against the fate which is big with promise of a Republican victory. Cleveland comes to help, but is of no avail. This is not a Democratic year.

It is a pity that Bryan or Hearst could not have been marked for this sacrifice. Parker is too good a man to be led to the slaughter in this way.

AT PORT ARTHUR.

It is quite probable that a tremendous effort to capture Port Arthur by assault will be made today in especial honor of the Emperor whose natal day it is. For a week all the Japanese artillery has been playing on the Russian works, which is the usual preliminary to an assault in force. According to rumor the Japanese have been tunneling since September so as to blow up some of the principal defences. Incidents of the siege since October 1, are the destruction of Port Arthur's waterworks and smokeless powder magazine and the crippling of some of the warships in the inner harbor, and an increase of vigilance on the part of Admiral Togo's blockade by which many efforts to smuggle contraband into Port Arthur have been frustrated.

Today may roll up a tremendous Japanese loss and may at the same time end in a splendid Japanese victory. It must be kept in mind, however, that the Russians are fighting better all the time. They are getting their second wind and at Port Arthur they have had the news of the sailing of the Baltic fleet and are correspondingly encouraged. Behind defences as they are, with some fifty forts in hand, they will make the fight of their lives. On the other hand are overwhelming numbers of the finest infantry in the world, every man in line being indifferent to his own life and only concerned for the honor and glory of the Emperor. Such a meeting will cause rivers of blood to flow and may set up a landmark in history.

The failure of the widely advertised school afloat is the second event of the kind in the past thirty years. Back in the early seventies the idea was broached in a boy's book and at once taken up by practical men who advertised a two years' course of study on a steamer which should go around the world, stopping at important points. The majority of the boys who applied wanted to work their way; not many had \$2000 passage money. The recent venture seems to have had a similar experience. Few parents care to risk their boys in such an enterprise, the hazards of which they perhaps overestimate.

The Star insists that Gen. Kuropatkin has been removed from the position of commander-in-chief of the Russian forces in the field. This is quite contrary to the news. Less than a week ago his name was gazetted for commander-in-chief. He will have two armies under him, the First, which is to be commanded by Gen. Kahlbahr, and the Second, to the command of which Gen. Gripenberg has been assigned. His position is like that of Oyama who commands the three or four Japanese armies now operating—Kuroki's, Ozu's, Nogi's and Nodzu's.

The idea of using the Molokai settlement for mainland lepers is not at all a new one. A California leper once came here with the connivance of the San Francisco Board of Health and Wilcox's plan to make Molokai a na-

tional lazaretto has been much discussed at Washington. Hawaii has had no difficulty so far in making her protests effective and she is not likely to have—Star.

But Hawaii has now made a new departure by asking the Federal Government to locate a medical station at the Settlement. Evidently that is what Massachusetts had in mind. A Federal station for the study and cure of lepers would inevitably lead, we think, to the introduction of a bill in Congress for the national use of Molokai as a leper lazaretto. Why not?

HONOLULU TURNS OUT

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magnificent and unique spectacles that Honolulu has ever seen.

RECEPTION AT CONSULATE.

In a blaze of lights, amid waving lanterns and patriotic bursts of music General Prince Fushimi last night met a distinguished company of the foreign population of Honolulu at the Japanese Consulate on Nuuanu Avenue. In the line of men who met and shook hands with the Prince were jurists, officials, representatives of foreign countries, and professional men.

The Consulate was attractively decorated. The reception parlors were adorned with fruits of Hawaii, including whole banana stalks with the ripened fruit, papayas, alligator pears and many other growths. Over the entrance was a large device of the chrysanthemum design, flanked with imperial standards. Over the gateway was erected an arch made of the branches and leaves of trees, decorated with flags and lighted with electricity. In the yard was a tent, shielding lunch tables from the rain.

The streets fronting and flanking the Consulate were filled with people, mostly Japanese, who held paper lanterns, torches and almost anything that gave light.

The guests were met by the members of the Consulate staff, as well as Capt. Johnson and Lieut. Cummins, N. G. H., and were ushered into the dressing rooms. About 8:45 o'clock Prince Fushimi arrived in the full dress uniform of a General, accompanied by his chamberlain Mr. A. Sato and aide, Major Mihara, Consul Saito, and members of his suite, entered the parlor. The Prince and his chamberlain took station near a table and there awaited the presentation of guests. The members of the general reception committee formed an aisle through which the guests passed until they reached Secretary of the Territory Atkinson, who made the presentations. The guests shook hands, first with Prince Fushimi and next with Mr. Sato, following down the line of the Prince's suite and local members of committees.

Passing thence out into the lanai the guests subscribed their names to the register, and afterwards adjourned to the lawn where light refreshments were served under the canvas.

Prince Fushimi's uniform was a glitter of gold braid, especially the sleeves and collar, while the decorations on his breast glistened as if thickly encrusted with precious stones.

The reception was notable for the large number of persons present who were prominent in Hawaii during the monarchical days. Some of them were Hawaiians who had visited Japan in an official capacity and had received decorations from the Japanese Emperor. Others were Ministers of State. Among these were Hon. Samuel R. Parker, Hon. A. S. Cleghorn, Hon. James Robertson, Hon. John Lot Kaulukou, Judge Austin Whiting and Prof. M. M. Scott.

Among others present were Governor George R. Carter, Admiral Silas W. Terry, U. S. N., Dr. W. E. Taylor, U. S. N., Paymaster Brown, U. S. N., Col. McClellan, U. S. A., Major Davis, U. S. A., Lieut. Hamilton, U. S. A., Dr. Baker, U. S. A., Antoine Vizzavona, Consul for France (in uniform), A. De Souza Canavarro, Consul for Portugal, Chang Tso Fan, Consul for China, and Mrs. Chang Tso Fan and secretary, Goo Kim, Vice Consul for China, H. A. Isenberg, Consul for Germany, Bruce Cartwright, Consul for Peru, W. Lanz, Acting Consul for Mexico, H. Pocke, Acting Consul for Chili, Major Fuller, U. S. M. C., Dr. Rossiter, U. S. N., Captain Humphrey, U. S. A., Prince David Kawanakakoa, J. O. Carter, Prof. M. M. Scott, Judge Kaulukou, Rev. W. M. Kincaid, Judge Weaver, W. W. Hall, U. S. District Attorney R. W. Breckons, A. W. Pearson, Walter G. Smith, Alatau T. Atkinson, W. O. Smith, R. D. Mead, Philip H. Dodge, Geo. R. Cullen, R. C. Brown, F. M. Bechtel, Immigration Commissioner, E. A. Mott-Smith, John C. Anderson, Ho Fan, Chang Kim, Charles Ah Fook, A. McAshley, F. J. Hare, R. J. Graham, Mr. Terry, Judge Lindsay, Chief Justice Walter F. Frear, U. S. Customs Collector E. R. Stackable, R. W. Stackable, Superintendent of Public Works Carl Holloway, George A. Davis, Judge Stanley, Rev. Frank Fitz, Mr. Halsey, Associate Justice Hatch, F. W. Fiebahn, L. Ahlo, L. G. Pinkham, president of the Board of Health, H. D. Couzens, Robert W. Shingle, A. N. Campbell, Edward D. Tenney, Postmaster J. M. Oat, Dr. L. E. Cofer, U. S. M. H. S., Dr. Hobby, U. S. M. H. S., Attorney-General Lorrin Andrews, U. S. Marshal Hendry, J. A. Gilman, Captain Graham, Rev. Mr. Thwing, Col. Jones, Lieut. Col. Zeigler, Major Wall, Major Riley, Captain Berndt, Captain Thompson, Lieut. Johnson, Lieut. Rose, Lieut. Wise, Lieut. Cooke of the First Regiment, N. G. H., Hon. A. S. Cleghorn, Mr. Curry, A. G. Hawes.

Kauai Murder.

Later details from the Garden Isle show that it was not through drunkenness that the murder took place on the 25th of last month. It seems that it arose over a quarrel concerning cards. One man claimed that the other cheated, whereupon the latter stabbed his countryman who died the next day. The murderer is still at large.

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